

Manti-La Sal National Forest

Sanpete Ranger District

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PRESS RELEASE

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Wildfire Update – Porcupine Fire

Location: Porcupine Ridge, Approximately 7 miles southeast of Mayfield, UT

Elevation: 9,500 feet

Cause: Lightning

Description: Managed Wildfire

Start Date: Saturday, July 23, 2016

Jurisdiction: Sanpete Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest

Fire Size: 1449 acres

Fire Summary: The fire continues to creep and smolder through patchy fuels. Single tree and group torching is also expected. Fuels are a mix of grass, subalpine fir and other conifers mixed with aspen. Tactics are designed to minimize risk to firefighters and achieve resource objectives. Control lines are in place to check fire spread to the north. A primary goal is to reduce fuels while conditions are ideal to create a more resilient landscape that will prevent larger, more extreme fires in the future. Other objectives are to clean up old dead and downed wood and reduce conifer encroachment in aspen.

Weather for today: Scattered thundershowers, likely to produce gusty, erratic winds. Temperature 70; RH 24-26%

Red Flag warning in effect today until midnight.

Closures:

Route and area closures remain in place to ensure public and firefighter safety during fire operations.

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- Forest Road 51248/Porcupine Ridge Road (from FR50159 to FR50290/Beaver Creek Road)
- Forest Road 51212 (from FR50159 to FR51248/Porcupine Ridge Road)
- Forest Road 51272 (from FR51212 to termination)
- Forest Trail 5127 (from FR50159 to FR51248/Porcupine Ridge Road)
- Forest Trail 5271/Victim Ridge Trail & Connector (from FR50290/Beaver Creek Road to FR50159)
- Forest Road 50159 (from FR50290/Beaver Creek Road to FR51252)
- Forest Road 51252 (from FR50159 to FT5182)
- Forest Trail 5181 (from FR50159 to FT5182)
- Forest Trail 5182 (from FR50252 to FT5181)

These roads are restricted to vehicles under 2000 lbs. GVW and will have a 10 mph speed limit:

- Forest Road 50290/Beaver Creek Road (from FR50022/12-Mile Canyon Road to FR50150/Skyline Drive)

Area Description: The junction of FR0159 and Beaver Creek Road, South on FR0159 to junction with FR51252; from junction FR1252 and FR0159 South to Forest Boundary; East on Forest Boundary to Molly's Nipple (Musinia); North on Nipple Ridge to FR0290; West on FR0290 back to junction with FR0159.

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- Forest Trail 275 (loop to and from FR001/Willow Creek Road)
- Forest Trail 268 (from FT275 to FR001/Willow Creek Road)

Area Description: The area North and West of FR001 and South of the Forest Boundary beginning on FR001 at Jacks Flat, (T21S, R2E Sec 3), following FR001 to Dead Horse Ridge junction (T21S, R3E Sec 4), from Dead Horse Ridge junction on FR001, going North on FR001 to the Forest Boundary (T21S, R3E Sec 26), from the Forest Boundary (T21S, R3E Sec 26) and following the Forest Boundary West to Clear Creek (T21S, R2E Sec 2). Parking and Camping must take place on the south side of FR 001.

These closures will be in effect from the date signed until August 31, unless rescinded.

Structures: Ken Whitlock's Cabin. Defensible space has been thoroughly prepared and sprinkler systems are in place.

Percent Contained: 20%

Fire Crews/Resources: San Isabel and Skyline Hand Crews, and Engine 1031 will be monitoring the fire and holding control lines.

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